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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Gunnar ANDERSSON *et al.*

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants in the aforementioned matter petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003 (Paper No. 9), for 1 month from April 27, 2003, to May 27, 2003.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

AUTHORIZATION

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee. Applicants believe there is no additional fee due in connection with this filing. However,

to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

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